

### 6.33 **DOG AND CAT LICENSES AND VACCINATIONS.**

(1) **LICENSE REQUIRED.** The owner of a dog or cat more than five months of age on January 1 of any year, or five months of age within the license year, shall annually, or on or before the date the dog or cat becomes five months of age, pay the dog or cat license tax and obtain a license as used herein. The word "owner" shall include every person who owns, harbors, or keeps a dog or cat.

(2) **TAX.** (Rep. & Rec. GO 21-06 and GO 24-06) The license tax shall be \$5 for a neutered male dog or cat or spayed female dog or cat, and \$25 for an unneutered male dog or cat or unspayed female dog or cat, or one-half of these amounts if the dog or cat became five months of age after July 1 of any license year. The license year commences on January 1 and ends on the following December 31. Whenever the \$25 license tax is assessed, \$7.50 from the total tax paid shall be allocated to sponsor a low-cost spay and neuter clinic in the City of Green Bay. Every dog specifically trained to lead blind or deaf persons or to provide support for mobility-impaired is exempt from the dog license tax, and every person owning such a dog shall receive annually a free dog license from the City Treasurer.

(3) **LATE FEES.** The City Treasurer shall assess and collect a late fee of \$5 from every owner of a dog or cat five months of age or over if the owner fails to obtain a license prior to April 1 of each year, or within 30 days of acquiring ownership of a licensable dog or cat, or if the owner fails to obtain a license on or before the dog or cat reaches the licensable age.

#### (4) **ISSUANCE OF LICENSES AND COLLAR TAGS.**

(a) **Issuance of Licenses.** Upon payment of the required dog or cat license tax and presentation of the required evidence that the dog or cat is currently immunized against rabies, the City Treasurer shall complete and issue to the owner a license for the dog or cat bearing a serial number and in the form prescribed by the State of Wisconsin stating the date of its expiration, owner's name and address, and the name, sex, spayed or unspayed, neutered or unneutered, breed, and color of the dog or cat. The City Treasurer shall keep a duplicate copy of the license on file.

(b) **Collar Tags.** After issuing the license, the City Treasurer shall deliver to the owner a tag of durable material bearing the same serial number as the license and specify the license year. The owner shall securely attach the tag to the collar, and the collar with the tag attached shall be kept on the dog or cat to which the license is issued at all times; but this requirement does not apply to a show during competition, to a dog or cat securely confined indoors, or to a dog or cat securely confined to a fenced area. A duplicate tag shall be furnished to the owner by the City Treasurer in place of the original tag upon presentation of the license and payment of a fee of \$.50. The City Treasurer shall then endorse the new tag number on the license and keep a record on file.

(5) **EXCEPTIONS.** This section shall not apply to any person who owns dogs or cats that are kept only for educational or scientific purposes. Further, this section shall not apply to any farmer who produces \$1,000 or more in products.

(6) **PENALTIES.** Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this section shall be subject to a forfeiture of not less than \$25 nor more than \$100 for the first offense and not less than \$50 nor more than \$200 for subsequent offenses.